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National Agricultural Workers Survey FINDINGS: 1989-2004

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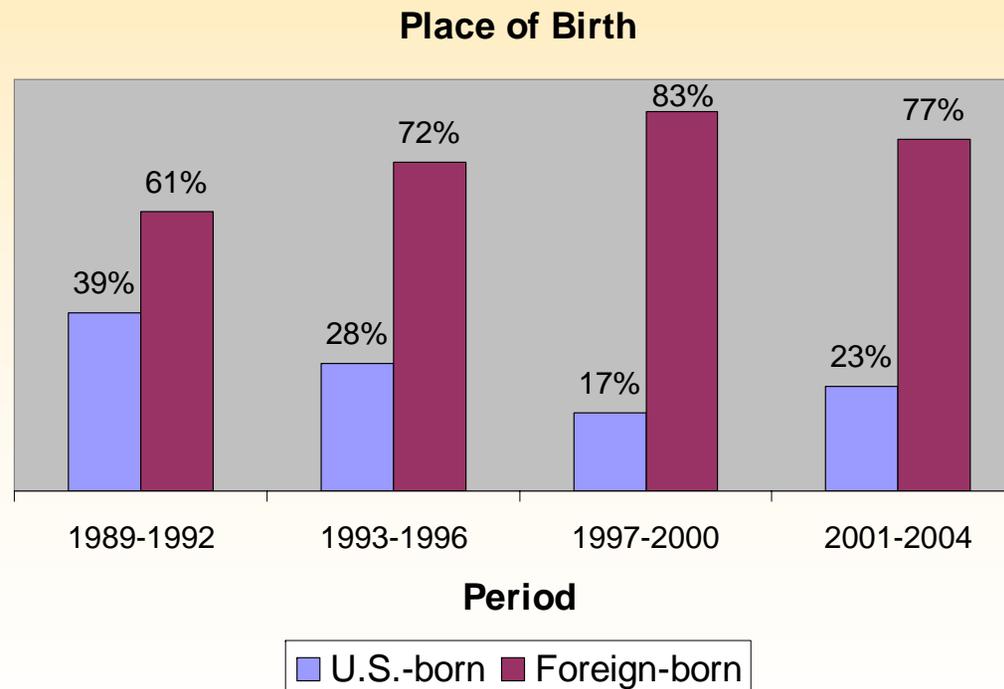
What is the NAWS?

- The NAWS, an establishment-based survey, is the only national information source on the demographic, employment, and health characteristics of hired crop workers. There are an estimated 1.7 million hired crop workers in the U.S.
- The survey was created in response to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA). It was designed to determine if a shortage of seasonal agricultural workers was to be expected annually from 1990 to 1993. H-2A workers are not included in the NAWS.
- The data are used to monitor the supply side of the farm labor market and to estimate the number of farm workers and their dependents who are eligible for federal programs.

Demographic Characteristics

- 42,821 hired crop workers were interviewed in fiscal years 1989-2004
- 16 years are divided in four time periods:
 - 1989-1992 N = 9,140
 - 1993-1996 N = 9,181
 - 1997-2000 N = 11,397
 - 2001-2004 N = 13,103

Birthplace of NAWWS Respondents



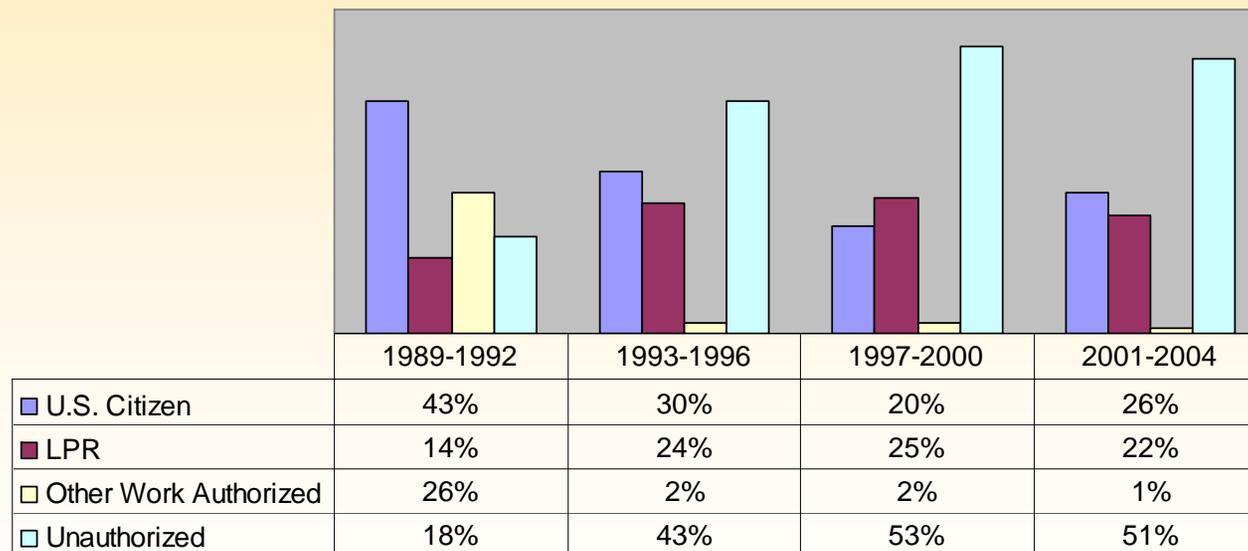
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Legal Status of NAWS Respondents

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Wages from NAWWS Respondents

	Period			
	1989	1993	1997	2001
Workers	1992	1996	2000	2004
	\$5.28	\$5.60	\$6.31	\$7.43
Authorized	\$5.33	\$5.69	\$6.63	\$7.90
Unauthorized	\$5.08	\$5.47	\$6.01	\$6.97

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For More Information:

- Background information on the NAWS, including the survey methodology, is available at: <http://www.doleta.gov/agworker/naws.cfm>
- Information may also be obtained from Daniel Carroll, the Department of Labor's Contracting Officer's Technical Representative for the survey:
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